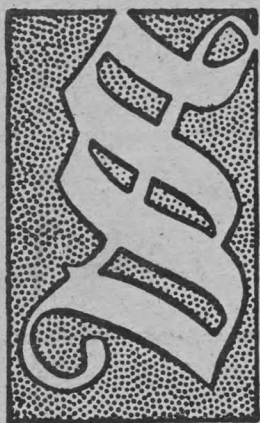
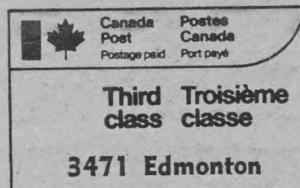
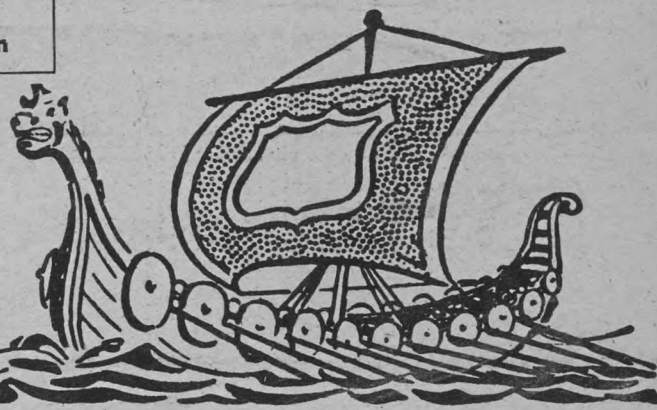


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HAPPY NEW YEAR

New Years Greetings

To each of you the warmest wishes for a joyous NEW YEAR.

As the old calendar comes down, the year 1972 becomes history. One last look at the calendar pages reveals much that is worth remembering, many days to be treasured and perhaps some that brought sorrow. Good memories remain to bring a glow to living.

The new calendar goes up. Twelve new pages, 365 days full of promise. They offer time to learn, time to achieve. They offer opportunities to give and to receive.

The NEW YEAR lies ahead—a pathway to tomorrow.

May 1973 bring you greater happiness and finer accomplishments.

A Message From Premier Peter Lougheed

I am pleased to extend to you my very best wishes for a happy New Year in 1973.

I would like to take this opportunity to pause and briefly look back on the past year. One of the most important developments during 1972 was the marked improvement of our farm economy, which is so crucial to our province. Other areas of the economy were also very strong, and this was reflected in wages and salaries, the creation of new jobs and retail sales. Alberta prospered as never before.

We are very fortunate in Alberta. But I know that we all recognize some of the problems we continue to face. Certain groups in our society have not had the opportunity to participate in our prosperity. Inflation remains as a serious burden for many Albertans, and although the primary responsibility in this field lies with the Federal Government, we are very conscious of this difficult problem. In 1973 these are two problem areas that we will have to deal with more effectively in our efforts to improve the quality of life for all Albertans.

When we look toward 1973, there are several specific areas which will receive a great deal of attention. We are going to take steps to create a fairer property tax system. We are determined to provide for Albertans a better return from our depleting energy resources. In terms of environmental control, we will take further initiatives to ensure clean air, water and land for the years to come.

It is also important for Albertans to recognize and assess the critical role we have to play in Canada. We are a strong part of this Canadian nation, but we must ensure that we have the opportunity to develop the great potential of our province.

I hope that we can pause on this New Years Day to reflect upon those bonds which pull us together, and to work upon achieving a greater understanding of each other's needs. I feel that those who live in a city environment need to be more aware of the difficulties that many of our farmers have in making ends meet; that all of us who are working should be conscious of the problems facing our senior citizens; and that our rural people should be aware of the recreation limitations facing city dwellers.

We have a province with stability, and great talent. In reflecting upon the past year, I believe that we can be very thankful for the tremendous blessings that have been bestowed upon us. At the start of this New Year, let us resolve to work together to make this part of the world an even better place to live.

Scandinavians' Friend Dies At 71



DAVID RUBIN

A longtime friend of Scandinavians in Edmonton has passed away. David Rubin, although not a Scandinavian himself, owned and operated Rubin's Grocery at 11273 - 95 St.

Many Scandinavians, especially the Danes, dealt with Mr. Rubin both in Edmonton and surrounding districts. He supported the Danish Church and society functions throughout many years.

Mr. Rubin and his wife, Esther, were born in Poland. They both came to Canada together in 1938 and settled in the Viking area of Alberta where he farmed for 14 years. In 1952 they decided to come to Edmonton where they started the grocery store at its present sight on 95 Street.

What endeared him to the Scandinavian people was that he specialised in imported Scandinavian foods such as Danish, Finnish and Norwegian cheeses, canned Scandinavian delicacies, as well as distributing Danish baked goods from Anns Bakery and Calmar Bakery.

Some time ago, Mr. Rubin became ill and was operated on for cancer of the throat. He became well and went back to work and seemed quite well. Recently, however, he returned to the hospital where it was discovered that he had a liver malfunction. His death occurred the evening of Dec. 28.

Funeral services were held at the Chevra Kadish Chapel at 10440 - 123 St. Sun., Dec. 31. He is survived by his wife, Esther, 11260 - 95 St., Edmonton; two daughters, Mrs. Florrie Axler, Edmonton; and Mrs. Rosalie Shadlyn of Toronto.

All those who have known Mr. Rubin will miss his smiling and friendly personality.

Scandinavian Centre Charter Flights

By Vera Nielsen

In the December issue of The Scandinavian Centre News, we promised definite information on our 1973 flights. However, due to the Government indecisions we are still not able to come up with absolute positive information before the first week in January 1973.

We have a tentative booking with WARDAIR to Oslo, Norway, for June 20 to July 17 at the approximate price of \$260 return plus \$5.00 insurance; and to Copenhagen, Denmark, we have a definite booking from June 26 to Aug. 8—price approximately \$295 return plus \$5.00 insurance.

It will be a great help to us, in making plans to serve you, if everyone who is planning on going to Europe next summer will phone or write to:

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Letters To The Editor

Dear Editor:

Today I was sitting in Valhalla having some pork. (They have been butchering this big pig Saerimne now every day since I came here close to a thousand years ago. Then the mailman came and he brought the Scandinavian Centre News. An article called "The First Christmas In Norway" caught my eye. Right away I noticed: You got my name wrong. Secondly, you say Olav Haraldson (who later became known as Saint Olav) is my son, and that is obviously wrong. The boy that wanted so many warriors that they could eat a herd of cattle in one meal was Harald Sigurdson, later known as Harald Hardruler. He is Olav Haraldson's half brother. I talked to Olav Haraldson on the phone about all this. (He is in the Norwegian part of Heaven, situated about a thousand billion miles from here as the crow flies. He says they have lutefish, lefse and gammelost every day.) Olav told me he didn't see the story, claims his Boss doesn't believe in newspapers, besides, he catches the news on television anyway. Then I talked to Odin, and he said not to worry, there are worse things to come. He said: "A thousand years from now people will believe the "Long Serpent" was sunk by a torpedo from a yellow Danish submarine."

Yours until Ragnarok
Olav Tryggvason

Dear Sirs,

We look forward each month to the Scandinavian Centre News and are pleased to contribute five dollars towards the publishing of your informative paper.

We would like also to wish the management and staff the compliments of the season.

Yours truly
Albin and Marie Lindahl

Dear Sir,

We enjoy the Scandinavian Centre News so much more now since visiting in Norway, Sweden and Finland last summer. It certainly makes it much more interesting seeing pictures of various places where we had been.

God Jul och Gott Nytt Ar (fran) from
Elvin & Anna Wold

Dear Sir —

Enclosed is a donation to your Paper which we receive regularly. We enjoy it very much and it is nice to be able to keep up with what is going on in Edmonton and surrounding district. Keep up the good work, and a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all.

Yours truly,
Mr. & Mrs. J.U. Erickson

Dear Editor

I am enclosing a donation of \$2.00 for your paper from Nils Haugen, Loughheed. We find your paper very interesting and always look forward to the next issue.

On behalf of my Father, Nils, I wish to thank the Scandinavian Centre for the well planned "Summer Charter Flights" to Oslo. He has twice travelled on your flights, in 1970 and in 1972. He enjoyed both trips very much and we are looking forward to use your Charter Flights in the future.

This trip he spent most of his time in Norway visiting with

friends and relatives in his birthplace of Jostedal Sogn not far from where that unidentified object was spotted recently in the Sognfjord. His only complaint was the weather as it was cold and rainy most of his stay over there.

When the time came for his return to Canada some of the family went to the airport to see him off. This included a cousin who gave him a bouquet of flowers. My Father, being himself, when he was about to climb up the steps to the plane threw them away. He wasn't going to be bothered carrying any flowers around with him. A lady passenger, well-known to the Scandinavian Centre, was apparently behind. She saw these flowers and must have thought they were too beautiful to lay there so she picked them up and brought them back to Canada with her. I hope they lasted for her til she got home.

I am very proud to be Scandinavian. Wherever you turn something Scandinavian pops up. The Women's Institute here at Loughheed published a history book of the area. Here you find that many of the early settlers in this area were from a Scandinavian country. On December 2, 1972, this book was presented, with a social held in the Loughheed Community Hall. The first item on the program—two local Norwegian born ladies modeled their costumes from Norway. One had the Homefoss and the other had the Sogne drakt. A local gentleman of Norwegian ancestry explained the drakts while a local pianist softly played a Norwegian tune. This shows you that something Scandinavian turns up everywhere, even here at Loughheed. This is too late for the December issue so I can't wish you a Merry Christmas, but have a Very Happy New and Good New Year.

Yours truly,
Harold Haugen
Loughheed, Alta.

Dear Sir,

A donation for the paper.

Why is it the charter flights for 1973 are the same again as in '72—4 weeks for Norway and 6 weeks for Denmark. Like to know the reason. Please.

Odd Orbeck
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The Scandinavian News,

Inclosed is a little donation towards your paper in appreciation of its visit to our Home once a month.

Now I like to ask you why the charter flight to Oslo is only 4 weeks.

Yours truly,
Ole Hagen
Ryley, Alta.

(As I am not in charge of the flights anymore, would all of you who wish information about the flights kindly direct your enquiries and letters to:

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Mrs. Nielsen is a very helpful and accommodating person. I know she would be very pleased to help you.
—Editor)

Books And Articles

Viking America

Viking America, The Norse Crossings and Their Legacy, by James Robert Enterline. This is the latest contribution to the growing body of literature about the Norsemen in America and is written in an entertaining style. Many of the author's theories are new, including his contention that Leif Erikson's Vinland was located on the Ungava Bay in northern Quebec. He also feels that previously unrecognized information exists in many old maps familiar to historical cartographers. The book includes an epilogue by explorer/scientist Thor Heyerdahl. Hardcover. Illustrated. 217 pp. Notes, bibliography and index included. (Published by Doubleday & Co., address above. Price: \$6.95).

Norway

Norway, by Ronald G. Popperwell, is a volume in the series called Nations of the Modern World. It concentrates principally on Norwegian history, life and culture in the nineteenth and twentieth centuries. This scholarly work is current enough to include mention of the Bratteli Government's campaign for Norwegian membership in the EEC, but not, of course, the recent referendum and change of government. The book is likely to become a standard part of Scandinavian Studies curricula. The author, a University Lecturer in Norwegian at Cambridge since 1953, was Visiting Professor of Scandinavian Studies at the University of Wisconsin, 1965-66. He has translated Olav Duun's "Flood-tide of Fate" and Johan Falkberget's "The Fourth Night Watch". Hardcover. Illustrated. Bibliography and index included. 335 pp. (Published by Praeger Publishers, 111 Fourth Avenue, New York, N.Y. 10003. Price: \$11.50).

So Deep Are My Roots

So Deep are My Roots, by Bent Vanberg, is a handy 47-page pamphlet aimed specifically at Norwegian Americans who wish to trace their ancestors in Norway. It points the reader to sources of information and gives other helpful tips. (Published by the Sons of Norway, 1455 West Lake Street, Minneapolis, Minnesota 55408. Price: \$1.50 plus 30¢ postage and handling).

Den Moderne Roman Og Romanforskning I Norden

Den Moderne Roman og Romanforskning i Norden (The Modern Novel and Research on Novels in the Nordic Countries). This paperback, published in 1972, consists of papers presented at the 9th Study Conference on Scandinavian Literature, which was held in Bergen in 1970. Preface (in Norwegian) by Professor Harald Noreng of the University of Bergen. The papers have been printed in the language in which they were presented at the conference.

Most of the fifteen contributions are in Danish, Norwegian or Swedish, while one is in English, one in French and one in German. Among the contributors is noted Scandinavian Studies scholar Dr. Kenneth G. Chapman of the University of California, who wrote a paper on Tarjei Vesaas. 218 pp. (Published by Universitetsforlaget — Bergen, Oslo and Tromsø — and available from Universitetsforlaget, P.O. Box 142, Boston, Mass. 02113. Price: N kr. 29.50—\$4.15).

d'Aulaires' Trolls

d'Aulaires' Trolls is another delightful picture book for children by Ingri and Edgar Parin d'Aulaire, whose books, over the years, have sold 1.5 million copies. The gigantic but stupid, fairytale creatures called trolls come in many different shapes, all of which are brought to life by the d'Aulaires on the 62 pages of this book. Hardcover. (Published by Doubleday & Company, Garden City, New York 11530. Price: \$5.95).

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SPORTS CORNER

By Tage Aaquist.

After a very successful summer, Dania's Soccer Club made it to the first division and are now playing in the Kinsmen's Field House.

The first games with Dania are:

Sun., Dec. 17 at 4:30 p.m. — Internomads
Tues., Dec. 19 at 9:30 p.m. — North West United
Sun., Jan. 7 at 3:30 p.m. — Blue Angels
Sun., Jan. 14 at 4:30 p.m. — Polonia
Sun., Jan. 21 at 3:30 p.m. — U. of A. Goldenbears
Sun., Jan. 28 at 3:30 p.m. — Scottish
Sun., Feb. 4 at 2:30 p.m. — Victoria

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We hope you will keep up the good sportsmanship and team spirit for the coming season.

With best wishes and a happy New Year for all players and supporters.

SOLGLYT SPOTLIGHT



By Brenda Letendre

COMING EVENTS

Saturday, January 13 - Installation Dinner and Dance, Viking Room, Scandinavian Centre. Social 6-7 p.m. Supper 7 p.m. Dance 9 p.m. Tickets - \$4.00 each for members, \$5.00 each for non-members.

Saturday, February 17 - Valentine's Dance, Viking Room, Scandinavian Centre.

After many hours of hard work our annual Lutfisk supper was a successful event from the beginning to the end. A hot, delicious meal was served quickly. Then returning to the auditorium for a very enjoyable program which moved along very smoothly. The balance of the evening was consumed in dancing. A very sincere thanks is to be extended to all the members who worked so hard at this event. Also thanks to those who patronized us. During the evening we were pleased to extend birthday greetings to Darlene Melsness and anniversary wishes to Sig and Selma Sorenson.

Prior to the Lutfisk supper Mrs. Astrid Hope visited the Grade 6 Class at Brookside Elementary School presenting them with a cultural talk and display plus slides on life in Norway and the customs brought with the people to Canada. We were pleased to have the teacher and six of the pupils attend the supper. Mrs. Hope later received a lovely "thank you" letter from the pupils.

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A good turnout for the Christmas Bingo and Bazaar. Many last-minute gifts were available at the bazaar table along with lovely traditional baking. Those participating in the bingo enjoyed snacks at the tables. Many thanks to Del Melsness and Thore Selvig for their donations which were appreciated. Winners of the turkeys were Deryl Stewart and Bert Hansen. The winner of the surprise bingo was Art Schumm.

Other bingo winners were: Mr. H. McConnell, Cheryl Stewart, Bernice Nyhus, Doreen

Sorry to hear that the following members have been sick: Gladys Clark and Dennis Cook.

I understand that the Melsness family spent the holiday season in Spain, joining their son.

Betty McKeivitt recently had a pleasant weekend visit with Barbara Ponich from Wainwright.

A good turnout on Tues., Dec. 5 for the Torske Klubben's Ladies Nite. The Cooking Class prepared and served a scrumptious Norwegian fish supper which was enjoyed by all. Many thanks are extended to the ladies for preparing the meal and making the evening most enjoyable. The remainder of the evening was spent dancing with music provided by Del Melsness and Stan Hafso.

Lis and Marius Johansen from the Sons of Norway Bowling are having Lis' parents visit from Denmark for the holidays.

It is my understanding that Nels and Isabelle Mjaatveit are expecting their son, Harry, home for the holidays, too.

Brenda and Al Letendre are being visited by her parents from Prince George and are expecting Brenda's grandmother from Regina for the holidays.

The nomination meeting was held on Dec. 9. The following were elected:

Melsness, Molly Cooper, Mr. L. R. Cooper, Shirley Romaniuk, Roy Lundie, Carol Anderson, Astrid Hope, Deryl Stewart, Peter Zelensky, Mrs. Stewart, Anders Anderson, Al Letendre, Stan Hafso, Ruth Logan, Mrs. Venosasen, Helen Lundie and Ed Rahoe. Hope the Stewarts' Christmas is a good one. At least they will be well stocked up from the bingo. After the bingo everyone had lunch and coffee.

Winner of the hand-painted oil picture was Mrs. Emma Klatt. Also the toque went to the McBride family.

All the Hope family joined together to help celebrate Mr. John Hope's 65th birthday with a Norwegian supper prepared by his wife, Mrs. Astrid Hope, recently.

Anyone interested in Rose-maling, phone Mr. Huser, as there may be a class starting in the New Year.

Thore and Helen Selvig are travelling to Toronto to visit relatives for the holidays.

Junior Lodge have 33 members at present and hope to initiate 4 new ones.

The young people have been out to bowl at Scona Bowl and on Dec. 10 everyone went skating at Mayfair Park.

The 10th Anniversary of Scandapades is at hand. Anyone wishing to donate time or take part in entertaining, contact Mr. Allen Larson, 488-0560.

Donald Burbee of Prince George visited his uncle, Jim McDonald, on route to Belgium where he spent Christmas with his sister and family.

SONS OF NORWAY BOWLING RESULTS

MEN'S & LADIES' HIGH SINGLES
Thore Selvig.....323
Betty McKeivitt.....274

MEN'S & LADIES' HIGH TRIPLES
Thore Selvig.....806
Doreen Melsness.....671

MEN'S & LADIES' HIGH AVERAGES
Thore Selvig.....215
Betty McKeivitt.....199

HIGH TEAM SINGLE
Northern Lights.....1138

HIGH TEAM TRIPLE
Northern Lights.....3181

Our next correspondent will be Elva Veis, phone 476-7039.

Sons of Norway Youth Seminar

A Youth Seminar is being held at the Cascade Hotel, Banff, Alta., Jan. 26-28.

This seminar is open to young adults of Sons of Norway and sons and daughters of members. There will be young adults attending from the four other Sons of Norway Lodges in Alberta.

Harry H. Johnson, Fraternal Director from Minneapolis, will be guest speaker.

Registration fee - \$20.00. For further information, phone Greta Elgstrand at 489-4170 or Susan Clark at 455-5371.

Shopper: Is that the head cheese over there?

Clerk: No, ma'am, the boss ain't in.

Most bachelors think married men are poor fish who got tangled up by their own lines.

That girdle manufacturer lives off the fat of the land.

Many marital battles start from table scraps.

Message from S.O.N. PRESIDENT

Well another year has rolled by. Time seems to pass so quickly. It has been a busy year for all of us of Solglyt Lodge #143. Our Lutfisk Dinner and evening was a wonderful success. The co-operation of all was great, and a big thanks goes to the wonderful group that cooked the meal, for donations of baking and salads received, to all who worked in the dining room, those selling tickets at the door, to those taking part in the program, and to our members and friends who attended to make it a successful evening.

At this time I would like to thank all the officers and those who had to fill in at times, to the sick and hospital visitation committee, telephone committee, Sunshine Group, membership committee and cultural and sewing committee. A big "thanks" goes to our members and their friends for attending our functions and making 1972 a success. Thanks to all.

A Happy New Year.

Gladys C. Clark

Kindly clergyman: (pinching little boy's knee) Who has nice chubby pink legs?
Little Boy: Brigitte Bardot.

He who laughs last—didn't get the joke.

No one ever wants a lot;
At least no one confesses;
Only just a little more
Than he just now possesses.
—Paul Armstrong

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BUFORD VASA LODGE

By Dolores Johnson

The November meeting for the Buford Vasa Lodge was held in the Willow Creek Community Centre on Nov. 30. Business consisted mainly of an election of officers for the coming year. Those elected are as follows:

- Chairman — Helge Erickson
- Vice Chairman — Glenn Pearson
- Recording Secretary — Betty Hanson
- Vice Recording Secretary — Elva Modin
- Financial Secretary — Florence Pearson
- Vice Financial Secretary — Dolores Johnson
- Treasurer — Floyd Modin
- Chaplain — Tony Lefsrud
- Master of Ceremonies — Wanda Markstedt
- Assistant Master of Ceremonies — George Modin
- Inner Guard — Reggie Jacobson
- Outer Guard — Ray Pearson
- Cultural Leader — Anna Wold

Plans for the annual Christmas Party were discussed and it was decided to be held in the Community Centre on the evening of Dec. 17. Supper at the party was "pot-luck" for the members and their families. There was a gift exchange and treats for the little ones.

Coffee was served following the meeting, and as the weather was bad everyone decided to forego entertainment.

Congratulations and best wishes go out to Ruth and Arnold Eklund who marked their 25th wedding anniversary on Dec. 4. They celebrated the occasion the following Saturday evening with an open-house social for their relatives and friends in the Glen Park Hall.

Pat and Tony Lefsrud spent a pleasant evening recently at the St. John's Boys' School, Genesee, when Tony was one of the judges at a debate between the Selkirk, Manitoba, School and the Genesee School. The Selkirk team was the winner.

Linnea Johnson was the lucky winner in a free draw at the Driard Hotel in Wetaskiwin. She and her mom and dad were entitled to "anything on the menu" in the newly decorated premises. The dinner was delicious.

Mary Lunde spent a few days in the city recently visiting with her daughter and son-in-law and children. While there she spent much of the time visiting her father in the General Hospital where he is recuperating from surgery.

Esther Erickson has returned from spending a month with her mother in Seattle.

Ruth and Arnold Eklund and family have moved to their new home in Leduc.

Those from Buford attending the annual Lutfisk Supper at Wetaskiwin were George and Doris Modin and family, and Algot Pearson, Bernard and Dolores Johnson and family.

Once again, "three cheers" to Nordstjarnan Lodge for a very delicious supper.

Wanda and Albin Markstedt attended the wedding of Wanda's nephew in Camrose recently.

Algot Pearson's family were with him to help him celebrate his 73rd birthday on Dec. 9.

Alda and Roger Gunsch hosted a sleigh ride for the gymkhana club on Sun., Dec. 10.

Helga Hoyem spent a few days at Chip Lake while Alf was there fishing.

Best wishes to one and all for a healthy and happy New Year.

Anyone wishing to have news printed may phone me at 448-2131 or write me at R.R.#1, Warburg, Alta.

Snowy Items From Norway

The Birkebeiner Ski Race in Norway is one of the most outstanding international skiing competitions in Europe, an historical ski race with massed start by hundreds of competitors, racing from Lillehammer to Rena (31 miles) by the ancient Viking route, commemorating the famous saga from 1206, when two of the fastest Viking skiers saved the 2-year-old king's son, Haakon Haakonson, from falling into enemy hands, by carrying him on skis, racing from Gudbrandsdal to Østerdal. In 1973, this epic race will take place on March 25, and there will be about 1200 participants.

The European Championship for Professional Speed Skaters will be held in Skien, Norway, on Jan. 20-21.

Maihaugen Ski Race is a unique international competition, held at the renowned Maihaugen open-air museum in Lillehammer, Norway. The cross-country trail is 9 miles long, and the race will take place on March 20.

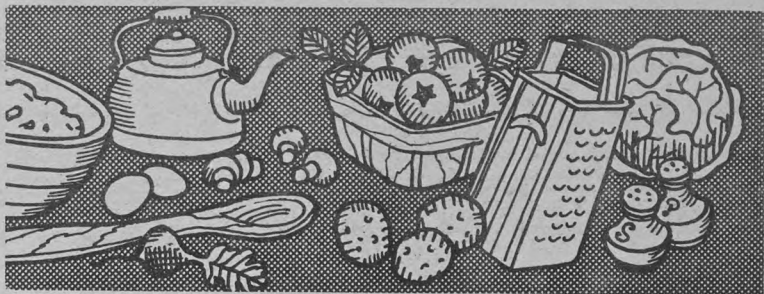
The Polar Light Cup in Norway is the northernmost international alpine ski race in the world, held annually at Narvik beyond the Arctic Circle. In 1973, the ski race takes place on March 24-25.

No more Polar Bear Safaris. Polar bear hunting in Norwegian arctic waters has been entirely prohibited for a period of 5 years, starting in 1973. The popular polar bear safaris will now carry cameras instead of guns.

After several minutes' struggle, the teacher finally succeeded in getting the six-year-old's galoshes on. She remarked, "They're awfully hard to get on."

"Yes," replied the child, "that's because they aren't mine."

Patiently, the teacher pulled them off again, when the child said in a resigned voice, "They're my brother's, but I have to wear them."



Kitchen Corner

Use up your leftover turkey or chicken in this way.

- 4-5 cans (3-3/4 oz. each) sardines
- 1 tsp. paprika
- 1 lb. creamed cheese
- 2 tbsp. lemon juice
- 1/2 cup chopped parsley
- Onion juice (see below)

Drain sardines and mash with a fork. Season to taste with salt, add paprika. Add cream cheese and beat with an electric mixer, adding lemon juice, parsley and a tablespoonful of onion juice made by rubbing a cut onion on a grater. If the cheese is too stiff, add more lemon juice. Cover and chill until ready to eat. Surround with interesting mixed crackers or melba toast. Makes 1-1/2 cups.

ICELANDIC ASTARBOLLUR By Phyllis Kristjanson

- 2 well beaten eggs
- 1 tsp. butter
- 3/4 cup sugar
- 2-1/4 cups flour
- 1 tsp. baking powder
- 1 tsp. vanilla
- 1 tsp. nutmeg
- 1-1/4 cups milk
- 1/2 cup raisins

Cream butter, add sugar, eggs, milk and flavouring. Gradually add sifted dry ingredients. Mix well and add raisins. Drop by teaspoon in hot fat (375 degrees). They should turn of their own accord when baked. Cook until golden brown—about 3 minutes. Roll in sugar.

TURKEY A LA KING

- 1/4 cup butter
- 1/4 cup chopped green pepper
- 3/4 cup sliced mushrooms
- 1/4 cup flour
- 1 cup light cream
- 1-1/2 cups chicken or turkey broth
- 1 teaspoon Worcestershire sauce
- 2 cups chopped leftover turkey or chicken
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- Few grains pepper
- 1/4 cup chopped pimiento

Melt butter in top of double boiler over direct heat; saute green pepper and mushrooms for 5 minutes, then remove from butter. Blend flour into the butter; add cream slowly, then add broth and seasonings. Cook over direct heat, stirring constantly, until sauce thickens and begins to boil. Add turkey, pimiento, green pepper and mushrooms, place over boiling water. Cover and cook until turkey is heated through. Serve hot over patty shells, toast, boiled rice or noodles. Yield: 6 servings.

SARDINES NORWEGIAN

This recipe can be made up a few days in advance. Serve on crackers or as a first course on a bed of lettuce.

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VASA LODGE SKANDIA



By Pat Hyde

At the regular meeting of Dec. 2, chaired by Leonard Eliasson, election of officers took place. Executive Officers-elect of Vasa Lodge Skandia for 1973 are as follows:

Joan Petersson — Chairman
Leonard Eliasson — Vice Chairman
Doreen Nyroos — Secretary
Martha Kay — Assistant Secretary
Linnea Lodge — Financial Secretary
Evelyn Johnson — Vice Financial Secretary
Don Johnson — Treasurer
Ed Hinton — Master of Ceremonies
Mildred Weiss — Vice Master of Ceremonies
Carol Banks — Chaplain
Emil Weiss — Outer Guard
Herman Nelson — Inner Guard
John Cumberbatch — Cultural Leader

Committee members were also elected for the 1973 season.

Unfortunately, our Sick List was longer than usual this month: Emil Johnson has been transferred to the Jubilee Nursing Home; Ottar Sund remains in the General Hospital; and Mary Pearson has been ill recently. Ed Hinton has been in hospital as well, but he has now returned home.

Bengt Kristiansson reported on the many cultural activities that have taken place throughout 1972. He announced that Weaving, Folk Dancing Classes, and Swedish Language Classes will continue after the New Year.

Following the business meeting of Dec. 2, there was a Christmas treat for all, with carol - singing and Yuletide music. Santa even managed a stop in his busy schedule, bringing gifts to several Vasa members. Two persons were lucky enough to receive a "gift" from the Vasa Ladies. The lovely hand-crafted quilt was won by Mrs. Pamela Griffith of Estevan, Sask., with ticket No. 77688. The pillowcases were won by Verna Nystrom of 8515 83 St., who held ticket No. 77680. Included in the festivities of Dec. 2 was an evening of whist.

THIS 'N' THAT

Getting ahead of the holiday season, a Wine and Cheese Party was held on Nov. 16 in the auditorium of St. Joseph's Hospital. Vasa members assisted as hosts and hostesses. Several wines and delicious varieties of cheeses were served as guests, staff and patients of the hospital mingled from 5 to 8 p.m.

The Erland and Ethel Markstrom residence was the scene of some merriment on the evening of Dec. 9, when several friends dropped in to wish the Markstroms well for their recent birthdays.

The Vasa Children's Party was a great success on Dec. 10. It was held at the Scandinavian Centre and again Santa managed to take some time from his skiing to pay the children a visit.

The Vasa Ladies' Auxiliary will meet at the home of Hanna Sand on Wed., Jan. 24 at 1:30 p.m. The address is Ste. 515, 11445 135 St.

Word has reached the family in Canada of the death of Mrs. Gerda Melin in Sweden. Condolences are extended to her family, including daughter, Margaret Lundgren, and grandsons, Glen and Leonard Eliasson.

DANIA DOINGS



By Lili Nielsen

"Bikuben" will meet as usual on the third Monday in the month, Jan. 15 at 7:30 p.m. at 12424 141 St. Hope to see you all.

Please remember the Whist-drive on Jan. 16 at 8:00 p.m.

On Dec. 13, "Dania" held their annual "Turkey Bingo". One hundred and twenty people came out for this event. It was nice to see so many of you. We hope the winners will enjoy their turkey, goose or duck.

"Dania" will be having its annual Carnival Dance on Feb. 16. Why not start getting your costumes ready now?

If any of you have anything that you wish to have published in the paper under "Dania Doings" please mail it to the Secretary before the 15th of each month.

News From The Danish Church

BY O. FILTENBORG

The new church board constituted itself at its meeting in December as follows:

President — Kris Kristensen
Vice President — Mrs. Karen Sorensen.
Secretary — Mrs. Esther Svendgaard
Treasurer — Nels Andersen
Deacons — Erik Thomsen, Toni Kozculab and Erik Muller
Trustees — Niels Gran, Chris Jensen and Poul Jensen

Sun., Jan. 28, Ansgar Danish Lutheran congregation can celebrate its 43rd anniversary. We shall begin with a service at 5 p.m. with a guestspeaker, followed by a "Pot-luck supper" in the church basement. Everybody bring something to be shared. Please bring your own knife, fork and spoon also.

BAPTISMALS

Anna Dorteia Thomsen, daughter of Erik and Jo-Ann Thomsen, Millet.
Donald Christian Jensen, son of Ole and Penelope Jensen, Edmonton.
Travis Ross Jensen, son of Shirley Jensen, Edmonton.
Robert Matthew Søndergaard, son of Richard and Agnete Søndergaard.

WEDDINGS

Edward Lloyd Prociuk and Else Marie Lobner.
Niels Anton Olesen and Cheryl Lynn Speakman.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S GROUP

Mon., Jan. 22 we shall again try to start a young people's group. The meeting will be at 7 p.m. and all teenagers from 13 years and up are welcome. The meeting place will be in the church basement, 9554 - 108A Ave.

HAPPY NEW YEAR.

You cannot run away from weakness; you must sometime fight it out or perish; and if that be so, why not now, and where you stand?

—Robert Louis Stevenson

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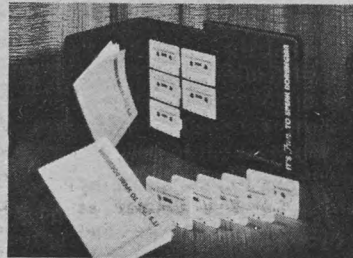
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FINNISH SOCIETY



By Anne Siburti

Apologies are extended to Mr. and Mrs. Ray Ranta of Haney, B.C., whose names appeared with a mistake on the last issue.

The annual meeting of Finnish Society will be held on Jan. 21 in the Dania Room, Scandinavian Centre, starting at 2 p.m. All members are urged to attend.

Congratulations to Ilkka Sakari Tervonen who was accepted to the Alberta Bar Association on Nov. 27 at Lethbridge, Alta. In honour of the occasion his parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. Tervonen of Portland, Ore., formerly of Edmonton, were present at the ceremonies. Also present at Lethbridge were his sister, Mrs. Sirpa Zima, and brother, Tapio, and their respective families.

Congratulations and best wishes to Mr. Veikko Kujala who celebrated his 60th birthday during December.

Speedy recover to Julius Joljart who was in hospital recently.

Happy New Year to All!

NEWS FROM FINLAND

Suomi Society

By A. J. Kesteven

Finland's 55th Independence Day was celebrated on Dec. 1. All over the country flags were raised in the morning and hundreds of thousands of burning candles could be seen in the windows in the evening.

The Independence Day parade was held at Riihimäki last year with about 800 men participating and a large crowd lined the streets despite the rain.

All over central and southern Finland it was raining and storming with thunder and lightning. On the southern coast high winds made the flagpoles tremble.

President Kekkonen was not receiving guests in the President's Palace this year because of extensive renovating there. Instead he was a guest himself at the Finlandia House where Prime Minister Kalevi Sorsa was the host at the state council-sponsored Independence Day Ceremony.

Pekka Nuotio, Finnish opera singer, is finding the opera house doors opening for him, not only in continental Europe but also in Australia. Pekka Nuotio can be counted as one of the best Wagnerian tenors of today, says Robert Schulz, West Germany's

leading opera managers who visited Finland at the end of November. He is arranging bookings for the singer and many of Europe's best opera houses are on the list.

The world's largest wooden church is situated at Kerimäki in Finland. It can seat up to 4,000-5,000 persons at a time. On Christmas morning one could see thousands of candles burning there.

Singer and composer Aapo Simila died on Nov. 10 in Helsinki. He was born in Oulu on April 14, 1891. He was a very versatile artist, being an actor in the theatre and a singer in the opera; he also composed the music for an opera; he was an orchestra leader and also wrote several books. He was probably best known for his folksinging as the "Kantele Troubadour" touring around Finland, middle Europe and America before the war.

Constable Lasse Wiren, Finland's gold medalist in running at the Munchen Olympics, has become a game policeman in East Nyland. He began his new duties Dec. 1.

MISSING PERSONS

HILL, Aate Edward (Hokkanen) — Born in February 1906 in Kangasniemi. Came to Canada in 1924, moved later to the U.S.A.

LEHTINEN, Victor — Born in Karelia about 1900. Chicken farmer.

KARKKAINEN, Niina (husband's first name, Antti) — Last known address, New York.

SALLMEN, Nikk — Born Nov. 9, 1896, in Keuru. Was living in Canada in 1955.

LEHTO, Oiva — Born about 1910. In 1932-33 he lived in Kontupohja in the Soviet Union. After his father's death he moved with his mother to the U.S.A. to his mother's sister, whose name was Sylvi.

KORPELA, Anna — Living in California.

Anyone having any information about the above-mentioned persons are asked to contact the SUOMI SEURA, Mariankatu 8 Helsinki 17, Finland.

Happiness is a butterfly which, when pursued, is always just beyond your grasp, but which if you will sit down quietly will light upon you.

Hawthorne

Never get so busy making a living that you forget to make a life.

If a clock proves the existence of a clockmaker and the world does not prove the existence of a Supreme Architect, then I consent to be called a fool.

—Voltaire

Two Centuries Of Newspaper Publishing In Finland

From SUOMEN SILTA

If the Finns are, as they are often called, a nation of coffee drinkers, they are just as much a nation of newspaper readers. Every Finnish household—statistically, at least—subscribes to some newspaper. For every two Finns, there is a copy of some newspaper to go around. The first newspaper to be published in Finland appeared in 1771. The bicentennial of Finnish newspaper publishing was celebrated in 1971, under the auspices of the Newspaper Association of Finland and the Finnish Union of Journalists. There was a commemorative stamp issued in honor of the anniversary, and the events on the bicentennial calendar included a meeting in Helsinki of the International Press Institute (IPI). Looking back over a press history of 200 years, the Finns could proudly claim quite high standards of journalism. Freedom of the press is a jealously guarded right. And the Finnish public is glad in the knowledge that it is really getting "all the news that's fit to print!"

Finland was still part of the Kingdom of Sweden when the Abo Tidningar began to appear in Turku (or Abo, in Swedish) just 200 years ago. Swedish was the official language of the country, and it was the language of the ruling class and of education. That is how it came about that, although the great majority of the population spoke Finnish, the country's first newspaper was published in Swedish.

But it was no more than five years later, in 1776, that the first Finnish — language paper, Suomenkieliset Tietosanommat, made its appearance.

The pioneer Swedish — language journal managed to stay alive under different names and experiencing many changes for nearly a century, whereas the Finnish paper gave up the ghost after only a few months' precarious existence.

Whatever the language, the press in Finland had to watch its step at all times during the early period. Censorship was rigid under Swedish rule, and it did not let up when the Czar of Russia became Grand Duke of Finland, too, in 1809. In most cases, the papers founded during the first half-century soon ran afoul of the autocratic censors in commenting on national affairs. Newspaper mortality was consequently very high.

The national awakening, however, kept spawning new journalistic ventures. And the patriotic spirit kept shining out of the newspaper columns. The annoyance of the Czarist authorities was reflected in 1850 by the Governor-General's declaration that "needless reading generally alienates the working and farming population from more useful activities".

The first newspaper in Finland—and, for that matter, in all Scandinavia — to be published seven days a week was Helsingfors Dagblad, which went on a daily schedule ten years after its founding in 1861. Suometar soon followed suit. By 1879 the Finnish-language papers outnumbered the ones published in Swedish. This trend was accelerated by the legal recognition given around that time to Finnish as on an equal status with Swedish as an official language.

Politics To The Fore

The educational function of the press, which had tended to dominate its tone during the first century, now began to give way under political pressures. Partisan interests forged to the forefront and the country broke out into a rash of party organs, many

of which folded before they could get really going.

Besides self-trained professional journalists, the pioneer newspapers of Finland were edited mainly by educators, printers, publishers, book-sellers, clergymen and civil servants. A number of the editors rose to prominence as national leaders. The illustrious figures among them included J. W. Snellman, philosopher and statesman, Elias Lönnrot, compiler of the Kalevala, J. L. Runeberg, the "national poet", and Zacharias Topelius, historian, educator and author. Their influence on the thinking of the Finnish people during the period of Czarist rule through the press was enormous.

Censorship put 25 newspapers out of business permanently and 77 for varying stretches during the six-year period between 1888 and 1905 alone, when the pan-Slavists went on their rampage to Russify Finland. It was not until the Finns gained their political independence at the end of 1917 that, for the first time, freedom of the press became a reality in this country.

Since 1771, about 800 newspapers have existed in Finland at one time and another. In 1971, 88 appeared at least three days a week still carried on with a total circulation of 2,167,500. A dozen of them are in the Swedish language. In addition, there are a good many weekly papers with a combined circulation of several hundred thousand.

The first Finnish-language newspaper to carry real weight in national affairs was Suometar, a weekly founded in 1847 by a small group of nationalist-minded students. Its name has changed more than once, but the journal still appears. Now a daily called Uusi Suomi and the chief organ of the Conservative party, it is printed in Helsinki and boasts a circulation of around 85,000. Before World War II, its circulation of well over 100,000 was the biggest in Finland at the time, but thousands of readers were alienated by its vacillating editorial policy during and right after the war.

The privately owned Helsingin Sanomat, which styles itself "Independent" but tends to have liberal leanings politically, stole the march on the Uusi Suomi around the time the war broke out by its aggressive business management. Within a few years, this Helsinki daily had largely cornered the local advertising trade. Now, with a paid circulation of 277,000, it is read

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With a circulation of 109,000, the conservative daily *Aamulehti* of Tampere, a manufacturing town a couple of hours north of the capital by fast car, ranks second among the Finnish newspapers and its enterprising management is bidding for readers far beyond the municipal boundaries. It is very closely followed by the independent *Turun Asanomat*, which, boasting the impressive circulation of 107,500, is published in the former capital of Turku, on the southwest coast. The once mighty *Uusi Suomi*, which put politics above business, has fallen down to fourth place. Fifth in size is the jawbreaking *Hufvudstads-bladet* of Helsinki, which, with circulation figures of 66,500, appears in Swedish but, though it tends to support the policies of the Swedish People's Party, has no political ties.

The party organs have steadily lost ground to the non-aligned papers, which are forging ahead both in number and circulation. Political loyalties thus need not decide a subscriber's choice of paper. On the contrary, none of the leftist papers could make a go of it on their own while the papers voicing non-leftist views are far stronger than the representation of the centre and right-wing parties in Parliament.

Press Subsidies

A highly controversial law, which was ardently sponsored by the large parties standing to benefit most around 1971, provided for subsidies to political parties in proportion to their parliamentary size. The money could be used to keep troubled

party organs from folding. The argument put up to justify the system was that, regardless of voting strength, some parties lacked the economic resources of their rivals. The party subsidies were therefore hailed as a measure to advance the cause of "political democracy". Critics, mainly on the right, assailed the subsidies as political spoils. Ironically, the parties that rammed the measure through Parliament lost heavily in the elections that followed and the parties that opposed it made equally heavy gains—which threw a monkey wrench into the machinery set up for the division of spoils!

Almost without exception, the newspapers of Finland come out in the morning. There are only a couple of afternoon tabloids, which appear in Helsinki and make their sales pitch with blown-up pictures and screaming headlines about the private lives of celebrities, crimes of violence, political scandals and the like.

On the whole, however, the Finnish press reports on current affairs both at home and abroad with dignity and a sophisticated sense of relative news values. In the news columns, facts are left to speak for themselves without editorial interference.

In short, the average Finnish newspaper reader can only blame himself if he fails to get a fairly balanced picture of what's going on in the world.

The circulation of the great majority of Finnish papers is based on subscriptions, but it is advertising revenue that mainly keeps them going. Still, Finland like other countries with the private enterprise system, has had its share of newspaper deaths. Since the war, 33 papers have expired, and a number of the smaller ones left are tottering close to the edge of the grave. TV at first looked like a threat—but no longer. The key to survival, recognized by alert publishers, is cost-cutting by efficient methods and constant modernization of equipment and product.

Finnish newspapers are proud of their record of having consistently kept up with the march of progress in the field of journalism.

A driver had just been pulled over to the curb for speeding. The officer, pad in hand, approached the car. "OK, you," he snapped, "what's your name?" "Aloicious Gloustershire Merkowitzskyvitch," the driver replied. "Well," the cop said pocketing his pad, "don't let me catch you again!"

"I just wrote probably the most beautiful poem ever written in the English language." "Let me see it." "Can't—I forgot to put paper in my typewriter."

New definition for hangover: "Toot Ache."

LEIF EIRIKSSON CLUB

By Margret Geppert

Icelandic Evening in Calgary on Dec. 8 was an important event for the club. Members went all out to organize an Icelandic food and talent night.

Three ladies, Louisa Austmann, Vic Bjarnason and Jonina Borgford had contacted a number of Icelandic members known to be able and willing to make some Icelandic specialty. There was plenty of "rullupylsa" and homemade brown bread, ham in case some would not appreciate Icelandic foods, potato salad and excellent "hangikjot" made by a German friend, Mr. Lemmer, who owns a meat and delicatessen store here in Calgary. We got "hardfisk" from Winnipeg and Mrs. E. Howard, the mother of Claire Taft, brought "skyr" from Selkirk. For dessert we had "vinarterta", pancakes, "kleinur" and rosettes. We had expected a little over a hundred people but got some 200. Thanks to a hardworking food committee and members, everyone got his share, we hope!

Several people had given a lot of their time to provide musical entertainment for the evening. The program consisted of:

Doreen Wyers and four teenage girls playing clarinets, obo and piano.

Patrice Borgford sang several songs accompanied by her husband, John. One of the songs was Icelandic. Their

son, 5-year-old Kevin, sang "Away In A Manger". Recitation by Art Reykdal. Piano duet by Claire Taft and her daughter, Cathy. John Henrikson sang a song by Amy Macdonald.

The president, Cliff Marteinson, was Master of Ceremonies.

Dance music was provided by Al Bjarnason and orchestra, "The Vikings".

Drinks were served. Art Einarson put in a hard evening's work at the bar.

We had visitors from Vancouver, Snorri and Asthildur Gunnarsson, brother and sister-in-law of Inga Henrikson and, as before mentioned, Claire Taft's mother, (Mrs.) Ellen Howard, from Selkirk.

The Icelandic community in Calgary got to welcome a new member Fri. Dec. 15. His name is Brynjar Gunnarsson and he is a former member of the Reykjavik City Band who liked Calgary and Calgarians well enough to come here to stay. We hope he will have been nicely settled by Christmas. A job is waiting for him. The Reykjavik City Band will now have to look for a new trumpet player!

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Norway, after all, is where skiing began and records show that Vikings as early as 2500 BC were chasing friends and enemies up and down the country's challenging mountain ranges.

This winter, resorts such as Lillehammer, Voss, Geilo, Beitostad and Tyin are offering Canadians skiing at its best. Each resort not only offers Nordic ski touring, downhill and slalom, but also has a specialty of its own. Lillehammer nestles in a romantic setting of old farmhouses and stave churches and offers the skier special ski touring trails in the woods plus the fun of ice skating and torchlit sleigh rides. Voss specializes in alpine skiing and a swinging apres-ski life. Downhill is emphasized at Geilo, which even boasts a snow nursery for junior beginners, plus curling rinks. Even city folk get into the act, and Oslo now sports over 40 miles of floodlit trails right in the city limits for night skiing.

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Scandinavian History and Culture Probed

Mr. Sveen: In our last discussion, you cited the creation of the Ombudsman as a great contribution of the Northman to modern society. It was said that the idea that governments must themselves live under law is consistent with, and perhaps emerged from, the ancient Northman's mentality. Why could it not have been an idea from Christianity transported from another part of Europe?

Dr. Nelson: Well, I don't know of any authority who claims that it originated anywhere but in Scandinavia nor, indeed, of any evidence to this effect. Neither do I believe that it is a part of the Christian mentality. Let me quote from a book called *The King's Mirror* which was written about 1260 in Norway during the reign of Haakonson, and thus considerably after the acceptance of Christianity by the Scandinavians. As you well know, the explanation given here about the nature of the King is not at all consistent with the idea that governments and individuals should operate within a common set of laws. This quotation will help our readers to judge just how far removed the ideas of the early Christian Kings were from the ideas of their Viking predecessors:

"Son: How should a king behave?
Father: That is a wise question, we might as well talk about a king and his duties when he governs his kingdom, also his own personal behavior, just as we talk about common people. It is certainly his duty to have wisdom and knowledge in his calling, and he must have knowledge about what is happening, so he can have insight in his job as a ruler. But the reason why people honor the king, is that he has gotten his power from God, so that anyone who honors the king, he honors God also. This way you have to understand that you owe the king allegiance, because our Saviour himself said: "Give to the Emperor what belongs to the Emperor, and to God what belongs to God."
Son: I still don't understand why our Saviour came down from heaven to pay tribute to an earthly King.
Father: Our Saviour came to Earth as a guest, so he would not take anything away, so he paid his taxes. Every king ought to be wise and have a lot of learning and at the same time, know that he is a servant of God, even though everybody has to bend down for him, for they are doing it to serve God through their actions, therefore all must respect the King. But the King himself must be friendly towards everyone, so that nobody has to be too afraid of him, that way people would be afraid to tell him their troubles. When the King is in bed at night, and he is all slept out, then he should think about his Kingdom, how he best can govern it, so as to please God. He must know how to hold the rich back, so they cannot take everything away from the poor, on the other hand, he must also watch so that the poor don't get too greedy towards the rich. The King must strive for moderation in all things. He must also think

about the ones that are not satisfied with what God has given them, and not be too kind, so people will take advantage of him. But his judgments shall not be so hard that it looks to God and honest people that he is punishing to take revenge more than for justice. These and many other things the King must think about at night, so nothing comes as a surprise to him during the day".

Mr. Sveen: The point is now made. There is little to suggest that the Christian King was expected to be judged on an equal basis with all other men. Ideas in *The Kings Mirror* seem very like those held elsewhere, including Asia. It suggests that the Scandinavian Parliament had to work against and cast aside ideas of government introduced with Christianity in order to come up with the principles underlying this unique office. Now why don't we turn to something else showing that a modern attitude toward life was present in those far off times?

Dr. Nelson: Fine, if it's not too big a step to go from the courtroom to the bedroom, let's look at the practical interpretation of a prevalent human phenomena—dreams! Dreams were of great significance to the Vikings. Someone has estimated that there are three to four dreams reported in the average saga. Since this is so, and because there is a large and long history of speculation about dreams, the Viking ideas and other ideas can be compared. I think we shall find that the Viking analysis of dreams as revealed in the saga literature are among the most modern of any of the ancient peoples.

Mr. Sveen: But is there any tie between the Ombudsman and dreams? It doesn't seem likely at first glance that there would be.

Dr. Nelson: The tie only becomes apparent when we remember the strong emphasis the Norsemen placed on fate. Remember that the Aesir gods were fated just as men. A recent volume entitled *Mythology of the World* makes a great point about this by calling the chapter on Pagan Scandinavian religion "*The Mortal Gods*". Fate and law are close to being the same thing.

Think for a moment how different this idea of a god being mortal is from any other! If Odin himself must conform to fate, and be destroyed with the world, it can be seen that the idea of law is very strong indeed. The gods of other peoples are more powerful than law. The Hebrew god makes the law and is himself the agent of creation and destruction. But in old pagan Scandinavia the laws of the universe are superior to their gods, so you can see that it is not surprising that the Vikings expected their leaders to be judged by a common rule.

The Vikings believed in the force of law as much as the scientist of today. We must say more about this in connection with science at another time. The scientists seem the clearest modern descendants of the North man mind in this and other respects.

Mr. Sveen: Now what about dreams?

Dr. Nelson: For the Norse,

dreams were the natural consequences of fate or law. Properly interpreted, dreams foretold the future and revealed one's destiny. They were only the disclosure of fate and not supernatural phenomena as in so many cases interpreted in the Bible.

Mr. Sveen: How then did the Norsemen interpret the meanings of dreams?

Dr. Nelson: In a similar manner to the way they are interpreted today, through the symbols given in the dream. For the Viking, dream symbol interpretation was made in combination with a philosophy and knowledge of the world.

Mr. Sveen: Can you give some examples where dreams occur?

Dr. Nelson: In the *Heimskringla*, King Halden the Black consults counsellors about his dreams. Gudrin, in "*The Lay of Atli*" (Atilla) gives interpretations of dreams. In *Gisli's Saga*, there are many dreams, the symbolism of which always points to his death. You might be interested in one of his dreams.

"There are two women in my dreams," he said. "One of them is kind to me, but the other one always tells me things that seem worse than before, and she prophesies nothing but misfortune for me. Just now I dreamed that I was going up to a house or to a hall, and I thought I went into the house, and there I recognized many people, kinsmen and friends of mine. They were sitting by the fires drinking, and there were seven fires. Some of them were almost burned down, but the others were burning very brightly. Then my good dream woman came in and told me they signified the time I still had left to live".

Finally, when the 7 years are past which were allotted to him in the dream about 7 fires, he has horrible dreams foretelling his impending death. The blood dripping visions make him fearful of the dark and he will not remain alone anywhere. Finally, he is killed as foretold, even though he acquits himself heroically.

The force and reality of the symbolism in the dream is very great. Gisli does not appeal to any higher powers because he knows the Norns laws cannot be sidestepped. When his wife, Audr, is frightened and asks him to try to devise some way to save himself, he says:

"I cannot think of a plan that would be of any use and yet I cannot blame you for what happened; for someone had to speak the words of fate, and what is destined will come to pass".

Mr. Sveen: How are dreams interpreted today?

Dr. Nelson: Psychology still relies upon the dream interpretation of Freud. According to Freud, dreams have symbols representing unresolved personal problems. In Freud's method of interpretation, dreams represent wishes. As in the case of the Norse they prophecy the possibility of future trouble.

There are a few close similarities in symbolic interpretation. In *Laxdaela Saga*, Gudrun dreams about instances in which an armband of gold is

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lost and a second of silver is destroyed. The dream is interpreted in a manner making the armbands symbols of marriage. It is prophesied that she will lose two husbands and that she will take better care of one husband than another. The flaw in the armband that is broken when she trips and falls in the dream is taken to indicate a faulty second marriage. I think Freud would accept many portions of the interpretations passed down to us.

Mr. Sveen: There are probably differences too.

Dr. Nelson: Oh, yes. In Freudian interpretation, almost everything is related to sexual repressions. Dreaming of a hall represents female genitalia while knives represent male genitalia. The Norse would interpret a hall as representative of family and kin and a knife as equivalent to wealth (silver knife) or a weapon (swords). Dreaming of wild animals in a Freudian context represents repressed sexual desires while the Vikings would say they are symbolic of warriors. Obviously, the Norsemen's interpretation of dream symbols is bound to be considerably different overall than those employed today. Norse interpretation of dreams usually predict strife and death, while Freud's interpretations predict unresolved personality conflicts.

Mr. Sveen: How did other interpretations of dreams differ from the Norse?

Dr. Nelson: Aristotle and Plato and the Romans deal with dreams very naturally. Generally, however, they did not seem aware of the purposive nature of dream work and in this way were not so close to the Norse and modern Freudian interpretations.

Biblical interpretations are greatly different than any of the preceding. Christian authors generally admit to 3 classes of dreams: (a) prophecies given by God, (b) rational dreams which are related to natural events and (c) demoniacal dreams. Luther, for example, said that he considered some dreams divine but also prayed God not to speak anything to him in his dreams because he believed the dreams to be full of falsities and fallacies. He believed that dreams most often concern sin and Satan and that these were the "friends and fathers" of our "filthy" dreams. In England, during the Middle Ages and after, ordinary dreams came to be commonly regarded as instruments of the devil and the study of dreams was denounced by an early bishop together with magic. The original division of the clock in two 12 hour periods is related to the Christian ideas of sleep and dreaming. Time was ignored during the part of day where the soul left the body and ghosts and demons roamed the world tormenting the souls of the faithful. The pagan Vikings harboured no such ideas so far as we know.

Academy Award Winner Jane Fonda arrived in Norway on Nov. 8 to begin the filming of Henrik Ibsen's "*A Doll's House*" at Røros. The old Trøndelag town has been visited by several film teams, most recently by Tom Courtenay & Co. in connection with the making of "*One Day In The Life Of Ivan Denisovich*". The director of "*A Doll's House*" is Joseph Losey of Great Britain, and Miss Fonda's co-stars are Trevor Howard and David Warner. Some fifty Røros residents have been hired as extras for the film.